

What is claimed is:

1 1. An image capture device comprising:
2 a camera body;
3 a still image button disposed in a first location on the camera body;
4 a video image button in a second location on the camera body, said second location
5 different from said first location; and
6 a unified memory coupled to said still image button and said video image button for
7 storing a still image or a video image, respectively, responsive to activation of said respective
8 button.

1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the camera body includes a main body and a
2 handle coupled to said main body, said handle adapted to be gripped with the hand of a user.

1 3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the still image button is disposed on said main
2 body and the video image button is disposed on the handle.

1 4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the still image button is disposed on a top
2 portion of said main body and the video image button is disposed on a forwardly facing portion
3 of the handle adjacent the boundary between the main body and handle so that the video image
4 button can be easily depressed by the index finger of a user when the handle is gripped.

1 5. The apparatus of claim 2, said handle coupled to said main body at a slight,
2 forwardly facing oblique angle to said main body.

1 6. An image capture device comprising:
2 a camera body including a main body and a handle coupled at a slight forwardly oblique
3 angle to the main body, said handle adapted for gripping by the hand of a user;
4 a viewfinder integrated into said main body;
5 a still image button disposed in a first location on the camera body;
6 a video image button in a second location on the camera body, wherein at least one of
7 said still image button and said video image button is disposed on a forwardly facing portion of
8 said handle; and

9 a unified memory coupled to said still image button and said video image button for
10 storing a still image or a video image, respectively, responsive to activation of said respective
11 button, wherein said still image button and said video image button are simultaneously active
12 awaiting actuation.

1 7. The apparatus of 6, wherein the still image button is disposed on said main
2 body and the video image button is disposed on the handle.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the still image button is disposed on a top
2 portion of said main body and the video image button is disposed on a forwardly facing portion
3 of the handle adjacent the boundary between the main body and handle so that the video image
4 button can be easily depressed by the index finger of a user when the handle is gripped.

1 9. A method for capturing still and video images from a single image capture
2 device of a type having a camera body, two spaced buttons disposed on the camera body and a
3 unified memory, the method comprising:
4 storing a single still image in the unified memory responsive only to actuation of a first
5 of the two buttons; and
6 storing a video in the unified memory responsive only to actuation of a second of the
7 two buttons, wherein both buttons are simultaneously active awaiting actuation.

1 10. The method of claim 9, further including providing a handle for the camera body
2 and allowing the user to grip the handle for camera use.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further including locating at least one of the first or
2 second buttons on a forwardly facing portion of the handle for easy triggering by the forefinger
3 of the user's hand when gripping the camera handle.

1 12. The method of claim 9, wherein the steps of storing the single still image and
2 video in the unified memory occur concurrently without any intermediate steps.